

# Park Ranger Programs

Discover Grand Canyon with free programs given by park rangers and volunteers in or near the Village. For Desert View programs, see page 8. Since parking is limited, park rangers recommend you ride the free shuttle bus to program locations. Children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Outdoor programs may be cancelled or moved inside during inclement weather. Times are mountain standard. Check at visitor centers and hotels for additional program offerings.

Time	Program	Meeting Location	Duration/Distance	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
11 am	<b>Fossil Walk</b> Stroll through an ancient ocean of marine creatures. Discover the amazing world of fossils and what they reveal about Grand Canyon's history on this moderate 0.5-mile (0.8 km), one-way walk along the rim. Perfect for Junior Rangers.	Bright Angel Trailhead	60 minutes <i>No program May 5–6</i>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
1:30 pm	<b>Rim Walk</b> Explore the many wonders Grand Canyon offers. From geology to history to ecology, the stories and views are endless during this leisurely walk along the rim. Topics vary. Accessible.	Verkamp's Visitor Center	45–60 minutes <i>No program May 5–6</i>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
2 pm	<b>Geology Glimpse</b> Gain a quick insight into Grand Canyon's unique geologic story. Following the talk, consider walking the Trail of Time or exploring Yavapai Geology Museum. Accessible. Perfect for Junior Rangers.	Yavapai Geology Museum	20 minutes	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
3:30 pm	<b>Geology Glimpse</b> Gain a quick insight into Grand Canyon's unique geologic story. Following the talk, consider walking the Trail of Time or exploring Yavapai Geology Museum. Accessible. Perfect for Junior Rangers.	Yavapai Geology Museum	20 minutes	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Check visitor centers for information	<b>Critter Chat</b> Learn about Grand Canyon's diverse wild inhabitants. Accessible. Perfect for Junior Rangers.	Check visitor centers for information	30 minutes	Check visitor centers for information						
7:30 pm	<b>Evening Program</b> Relax in a beautiful auditorium and enjoy a presentation about Grand Canyon's fascinating natural or cultural history. Check visitor centers for topics. Accessible.	Shrine of the Ages Auditorium	60 minutes		√		√		√	
Evening	<b>Ranger Rendezvous</b> Discover Grand Canyon in the evening! Explore some of the park's lesser-known stories and facts. Programs include star talks, night hikes to the rim, cemetery tours, and more. Dress warmly.	Check visitor centers for information	Check visitor centers for information	√		√		√		√



### Inside the Canyon

**Programs begin early March**  
Going to Phantom Ranch or Indian Garden? Join a park ranger to discover the hidden secrets of the inner canyon. Programs cover a wide range of natural and cultural history topics. *Programs are only accessible by a long, strenuous hike or mule ride.*

**Saturday to Tuesday, Times Vary**  
**Indian Garden**  
Check the bulletin board for program topics, locations, and times. Wilderness Explorer Junior Ranger booklet available. Accessible only by hiking 4.5 miles (7.2 km) down Bright Angel Trail.

**Daily, 4 pm and 7:30 pm**  
**Phantom Ranch**  
Check bulletin boards for program locations and topics. Phantom Ranch Junior Ranger activity booklet available. Accessible only by hiking 9.5 miles (15.3 km) or riding a mule to the bottom of Grand Canyon.

# Learn in an Outdoor Classroom

### Teachers

**Field Trips, Classroom Rangers, Distance Learning, and Teacher Workshops**  
Using Grand Canyon as a teaching tool, park rangers conduct curriculum-based field trips, in-class presentations, and distance learning programs for grades K–12. Students engage in real-world exploration of concepts related to geology, ecology, and human history.

928-638-7931 or [nps.gov/grca/forteachers/](https://nps.gov/grca/forteachers/)

### University Students

**Grand Canyon Semester**  
Grand Canyon National Park partners with Northern Arizona University and Prescott College to offer a unique, semester-long program. Grand Canyon Semester immerses students in a place-based learning experience using Grand Canyon as a classroom and laboratory. Classroom academics combine with field opportunities to create an unparalleled learning environment.

[nau.edu/Honors/GCS/](https://nau.edu/Honors/GCS/) or [prescott.edu/learn/non-degree/grand-canyon-semester.html](https://prescott.edu/learn/non-degree/grand-canyon-semester.html)

### Middle and High School Youth Canyon Field Schools

Deepen your connection to Grand Canyon National Park. Spend one to two weeks exploring the trails, running the rapids, and camping under the stars. Canyon Field Schools is currently accepting applications from middle and high school youth for summer 2015.

928-638-7924 or [nps.gov/grca/forkids/camp.htm](https://nps.gov/grca/forkids/camp.htm)

### Youth Ages 7–14

**Day Camps**  
**April 17, 18, 24, 25, and May 1 and 2**  
**8:30 am–2 pm**  
Spend a day with a park ranger learning about Grand Canyon's rocks, plants, animals, and people. This program invites visiting and local youth to explore the rim of Grand Canyon by foot and bus while being guided through fun activities. Drop off and pick up children at Park Headquarters. Bring lunch, water bottle, snacks, and sunscreen; wear sturdy shoes.  
To register: 928-638-7924

### Earn Your Junior Ranger Badge

Children ages four and older can pick up a free Junior Ranger booklet from any visitor center. Have fun learning about Grand Canyon by completing at least four activities and attending a park ranger program. Turn in the completed booklet at any visitor center and earn a badge and certificate. Special patches are also available for purchase at Grand Canyon Association Park Stores.

Find Junior Ranger programs at more than 250 national parks, seashores, and monuments nationwide. The Junior Ranger program is generously supported by the Grand Canyon Association.

**Junior Ranger Day**  
**April 28**  
**Information at Grand Canyon Visitor Center**  
Attend a park ranger program and receive special recognition as part of this national event.

